



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Curtis Smith  
Kevin Ramberg  
Linda Guerrero  
Perry Bedford  
Katie Coyne  
Peggy Maceo  
Mary Ann Neely  
Wendy Gordon**

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**Andrew Creel  
Ryan Nill  
Pam Thompson**

### **Staff in Attendance:**

**Kaela Champlin  
Chris Herrington  
Abel Porras  
Hank Marley  
Mark Baker**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Commissioner Coyne called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.**

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

- a. Approval of the October 7, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes  
(5 minutes)

**The minutes of the October 7, 2020 Environmental Commission meeting were approved on Commissioner Ramberg's motion, Commissioner Smith's second on a 8-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Nill, Maceo, and Gordon were absent.**

#### **2. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Update on Sawyer-Cleveland Wastewater Treatment Plant—Abel Porras, Supervising Engineer, Watershed Protection Department (15 minutes)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

3. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
- a. Approve 2021 Environmental Commission schedule (10 minutes)  
**The proposed 2021 Environmental Commission schedule was approved with changes on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Smith’s second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Nill, Thompson, and Guerrero were absent.**
  - b. Update on Wildland-Urban Interface Code—Mark Baker, Environmental Compliance Specialist Senior, Austin Fire Department (1 hour)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
- a. **Name:** 1112 W. Annie Street; SP-2020-0093DS  
**Applicant:** Mark Zupan  
**Location:** 1112 W. Annie Street, Austin, Texas, 78704 (District 9)  
**Staff:** Hank Marley, Environmental Review Specialist Senior, Development Services Department  
**Watershed:** West Bouldin Creek Watershed, Urban, Desired Development Zone  
**Request:** Variance request is as follows:  
To allow development inside the Critical Water Quality Zone (LDC 25-8-261)  
**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommend this variance with conditions  
**(15 minutes)**  
**A motion to close the public hearing was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Gordon’s second on a 7-0 vote. A motion to approve the variance request with conditions was approved on Commissioner Ramberg’s motion, Commissioner Maceo’s second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, Nill, Thompson, and Guerrero were absent.**

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee – Pam Thompson, Kevin Ramberg, Mary Ann Neely, Curtis Smith, and Perry Bedford
  - b. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, and Mary Ann Neely
  - c. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne  
**Commissioner Coyne gave an update on the Climate Equity Plan.**
  - d. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Mary Ann Neely
  - e. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, Linda Guerrero, and Pam Thompson
  - f. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**Commissioner Coyne adjourned the meeting at 7:29 P.M.**

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